

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1254

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Rob Briley for his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Rob Briley's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 105th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Representative Briley has been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville on October 15, 1966, Rob Briley graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy in 1985 before attending the University of Colorado in Boulder, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 1991; he received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1997 from Vanderbilt Law School, and then completed a one-year judicial clerkship with Judge Thomas Brothers; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected attorney, Representative Briley has handled a broad spectrum of civil litigation as part of a general practice, primarily representing individuals in personal injury, insurance, and commercial disputes; in 2004, he was a founding member of the Briley Law Group, PLLC, and in 2007, he established the Law Office of Robert W. Briley; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1998, the good people of House District 52 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Rob Briley by electing him as their

member to the House of Representatives, a position to which he has dedicated himself admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his five terms and ten years in the House of Representatives, Representative Briley has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, Representative Briley is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he has made during his tenure, having served in several leadership positions, including House Majority Floor Leader and Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, in addition to serving as Chairman of the House Civil Practice & Procedure Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Rob Briley has also provided sterling service during his legislative career as a member of the House Ethics Committee, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, House Rules Committee, House Calendar and Rules Committee, House Conservation and Environment Committee, House Constitutional Protections Subcommittee, House Criminal Practice & Procedure Subcommittee, House Environment Subcommittee, House Wildlife Subcommittee, Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee, Joint Select Committee on Corrections, and the Joint Workers' Compensation Committee; and

WHEREAS, as the grandson of Beverly Briley, the first Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville, who served from 1963 to 1975, Rob Briley is a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges of citizenship, and he has rendered astute service as a valuable member of many civic, professional and governmental organizations, including serving on the Boards of the Tennessee State Museum Foundation, Community Rehabilitation Agencies of Tennessee, and Tennessee History for Kids; and

WHEREAS, Representative Briley has also served as a valued member of the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association, East Nashville R/UDAT Steering Committee, Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, and Davidson County Young Democrats; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Rob Briley is the recipient of the Tennessee Citizen Action Legislative Leadership Award, the Tennessee Center for Labor-Management Relations Award, the AAA Clubs of Tennessee Legislator of the Year Award,

Tennessee Disability Coalition Champion of Justice Award, and the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association Outstanding Leadership Award, and he has been named Outstanding Legislator of the Year by the County Officials Association of Tennessee, an AARP Legislative Champion, and has received the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition Defender of the American Dream Award, along with many other honors too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, Rob Briley is also the proud father of two beautiful daughters, Beverly and Aidan; and

WHEREAS, Representative Briley's announcement of his retirement from the General Assembly will create a void that will not be easily filled; his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of House District 52 and Metropolitan Nashville; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague, Representative Rob Briley; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Rob Briley on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of House District 52 and Metropolitan Nashville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Rob Briley our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Rob Briley as a token of our esteem.